

**Hurricane Cup  
&  
Eye of the Storm  
Sailing Instructions (Sis)  
September 14-15, 2024**

**Hyannis Yacht Club is the Organizing Authority**

**1. RULES**

1.1 This race will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.

**2. EQUIPMENT**

2.1 All boats shall minimally comply with the US Nearshore section of the US Sailing Safety Equipment Requirements (USSER).

2.2 All personnel on deck shall wear US Coast Guard approved personal flotation devices (PFDs) while starting and finishing without exception and at all other times except when the Captain of the boat directs that it may be set aside.

**3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

3.1 On Saturday, notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Ocean Race Notice Board located at the south end of the patio.

**4. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

4.1 Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 0800 on September 13, 2024 except that any change to the schedule will be posted by 2000 on September 14, 2024.

4.2 Oral changes may be given on the water. Each boat will confirm with the Race Committee receipt of any oral change.

**5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the yardarm on the Hyannis Yacht Club dock.

**6. SCHEDULE OF RACES**

6.1 Hurricane Cup Saturday, September 14. The warning signal will be at 0900.

6.2 Eye of the Storm, Sunday September 15. The Warning signal will be at 1000.

**7. CLASS FLAGS**

7.1 The classes within each division will be determined by PHRF ratings and will be listed on the scratch sheets.

**8. RACING AREA**

8.1 The racing area is Nantucket Sound.

**9. THE COURSES AND MARKS**

9.1 The possible marks that may be used in the race are shown in “Hyannis Yacht Club Ocean Race 2023 Appendix B”. Marks will be government marks or drop marks.

**10. THE START**

10.1 On Saturday, the starting line of the Hurricane Cup will be in the area south of the Hyannis Port breakwater and west of buoy RW “HH” Mo(A) Bell.

10.2 On Sunday, the starting line of the Eye of the Storm Race will be in the area west of the MO(A) Bell (RW-NB) north of Nantucket Harbor.

10.3 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee signal boat at the starboard end and the course side of the port end starting mark.

10.4 A boat starting later than 10 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This changes rule A4 and A5.

10.5 The Race Committee may hail an OCS boat on VHF Channel 68. The failure of a competitor to hear any such hail shall not be grounds for granting redress. This changes rule 62.1.

**11. SAFETY: REQUIRED REPORTING TO THE RACE COMMITTEE**

11.1 Each boat shall communicate with the Race Committee by hail, or on VHF Channel 68.

11.2 Each boat shall contact the Race Committee in the starting area prior to the warning signal for its class and receive acknowledgement from the Race Committee of its presence and intent to race.

11.3 Each boat shall maintain a watch on VHF Channel 68.

11.4 Each boat shall keep a cell phone “on” with an audible ring and ready to be answered. This shall be the cell phone with the number given to the Race Committee at registration.

11.5 Any boat that withdraws from the race shall promptly inform the Race Committee PRO Bob Hill by hail or on VHF Channel 68, or by phone at 508-237-2707. Such boat shall continue to attempt to contact the Race Committee until the Race Committee has acknowledged the boat’s withdrawal.

- 11.6 The Race Committee Signal Boat may not be on station at the finish line. If a committee boat is not on station, each boat shall report its finish time to the Race Committee within 15 minutes of finishing in the manner set forth in section 12.
- 11.7 Boats are allowed to run their engines in neutral during the race for the sole purpose of maintaining battery power.
- 11.8 On boats with retractable bowsprits, the bowsprit shall be retracted when not in the process of setting, flying, or taking down the spinnaker. A boat that breaks this rule will have 2 places added to her finishing position in the race.
- 11.9 RRS 55.3 is changed to allow a one design boat in a true one design configuration that includes outriggers, to sheet a spinnaker or headsail through such an outrigger. However, an outrigger may only be deployed after the start, and only deployed when actively flying a sail sheeted through it. In addition, the boat must keep clear of other boats while initially deploying an outrigger.

## **12. THE FINISH**

- 12.1 Saturday, September 14: Between a blue flag on the Committee Boat and the course side of Nantucket Harbor entrance MO(A) Bell (RW-NB) north of Nantucket Harbor. In the event that a Committee Boat is not on station, competitors shall pass within 3 boat lengths to the East of the MO(A) Bell and finish when the MO(A) Bell bears 270 degrees magnetic from their vessel. Competitors shall take and record their GPS finish time (HHHH/MM/SS) and their position relative to nearby competitors and shall promptly report this information to the Race Committee by contacting PRO BOB HILL at 508-237-2707 no later than 1700 on Saturday.
- 12.2 Sunday, September 15. Between a blue flag on the Committee Boat and the course side of Gong #17. In the event that a Committee Boat is not on station, competitors shall pass within 3 boat lengths to the East of Gong #17 and finish as it bears 270 degrees magnetic from their vessel. Competitors shall take and record their GPS finish time (HHHH/MM/SS) and their position relative to nearby competitors and shall promptly report this information to the Race Committee by contacting PRO BOB HILL at 508-237-2707 no later than 1700 on Sunday.

## **13. TIME LIMIT**

- 13.1 The time limit for the first boat to finish the Hurricane Cup is 1530.
- 13.2 The time limit for any subsequent boats to finish the Hurricane Cup is 1700. Boats failing to finish by 1700 will be scored TLE (Time Limit Expired) without a hearing. This changes rules 35, A4 and A5.
- 13.3 The time limit for the first boat to finish the Eye of the Storm Race is 1530.
- 13.4 The time limit for any subsequent boats to finish the Eye of the Storm Race is 1700. Boats failing to finish by 1700 will be scored TLE (Time Limit Expired) without a hearing. This changes rules 35, A4, and A5.

**14. PENALTY SYSTEM**

14.1 The Penalty at the time of an incident (Rule 44) will be a One-Turn Penalty for breaking rules in part 2 and Rule 31. This changes Rule 44.1.

**15. SCORING**

15.1 Scoring will be the time-on-distance method.

**16. PROTESTS**

16.1 A boat intending to protest another boat shall inform the Race Committee as soon as possible after finishing.

16.2 Protests shall be delivered to the Principal Race Officer (PRO) or designated Race Committee member, within 60 minutes after the Race Committee Finish vessel docks. Docking time for the Hurricane Cup will be radioed to the fleet by the PRO. For the Eye of the Storm that time will be posted on the official notice board at Hyannis Yacht Club.

16.3 Boats involved in a protest will be contacted by the PRO and notified of the date, time and place of the Protest Hearing.

**17. PRIZES**

Prizes will be awarded as follows:

Registered Boats in a Class	Trophies
1-4	1
5-6	2
7 or more	3

